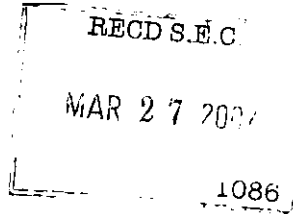




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Mr. Brian Johnson  
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, THE STRIDE RITE CORPORATION., Preferred Stock Purchase Rights and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on March 27, 2007.

Sincerely,

*Paul Elad*

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